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Kanji HATA et al. :  
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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Line 6, delete "By arranging the" insert --The-- before  
"component"; --are arranged-- after "apparatuses".

Line 14, insert --so as-- after "installed".